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## NEWS.

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PROFESSOR E. L. GREENE has begun a new publication bearing the title "Leaflets of botanical observation and criticism," in the style of *Pittonia*. The first fascicle (16 pp.) of the first volume was issued November 24, 1903, and the second January 5, 1904.

OTTO G. JENNINGS, formerly herbarium assistant in the botanical department of the Ohio State University, has been appointed custodian of botanical collections at the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburg, Pa., *vice* John Shafer, who goes to the New York Botanical Garden.

IN HIS SOUTHPORT address as president of the botanical section of the British Association, Mr. A. C. Seward spoke of the "Floras of the past; their composition and distribution." The address is an admirable presentation of our knowledge and lack of knowledge of the paleobotanical record.

AT THE St. Louis meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Professor W. G. Farlow was elected president of the Association, and Professor B. L. Robinson vice-president of the Section of Botany. The Botanical Society of America elected Dr. Frederick V. Coville president.

THE *Forestry Quarterly* will contain hereafter both original papers and reviews of literature. It is to be hoped that complete and accurate citations will be given of articles so reviewed. This is not done in the first number. We commend to the *Quarterly* the style adopted ten years ago by the botanists and now widely used both here and abroad.

E. W. D. HOLWAY, of Decorah, Iowa, has presented to the botanical department of the University of Minnesota his library and collection of fungi. The library contains about 1000 volumes, and the herbarium, including duplicates, is estimated to contain from 85,000 to 100,000 specimens. Mr. Holway plans to devote himself hereafter to the study of fungi and will probably reside in Minneapolis when not in the field.

A NEW PERIODICAL has made its appearance as the organ of an "Association of Representatives of Applied Botany," which is devoted to the advancement and deepening of scientific knowledge in the service of agriculture, forestry, trade, and industry by botanical investigation. The Association begins auspiciously, with a membership of over 100. Any botanist is eligible who is active or interested in the objects of the society. The first volume (1903) of the *Jahresbericht der Vereinigung der Vertreter der angewandten Botanik* can be obtained from Gebrüder Bornträger for M 4.

A BARE STATEMENT of the facts leading to the closing of the New York State College of Forestry is given by the editor in the *Forestry Quarterly* 2:42. November 1903. This statement throws little direct light upon the matter, though one may read between the lines. Apparently the governor's veto of the appropriation for the College was secured by the "pull" of certain owners of Adirondack lands whose estates adjoined the reserve, because they were not pleased with the logging and other operations inaugurated by the College. This is practically acknowledged by Governor Odell in his recent message to the legislature. From this message it is apparent that the veto was not based upon condemnation of the practice of the College by expert foresters, but upon the "disapproval" of its work by "many citizens of the state." The plea he makes is that the object of the state was to conserve the water supply by retaining the forest cover, while the College was completely denuding its experimental forest! Surely the people of New York will not accept such a worthless defense.

THE CATALOGUE DIVISION of the Library of Congress has sent to press, and will issue shortly, through the office of card distribution, a set of analytics for Engler-Prantl's *Die natürlichen Pflanzenfamilien*. Each article (family) in this important set of monographs will be represented by a separate catalogue card, which contains full bibliographical information, including exact dates of publication for undated signatures. Beside subject headings, all added entries will be printed in full.

The cards covering the unfinished portions of the work will be issued upon the completion of the volumes in question. The number of titles now going to press is 458, and the total number of cards necessary for main entries, subjects, and added entries will be 936. These may be obtained at the office of card distribution.

The task of analyzing this and other collective works of similar importance, titles of which will be announced later, has been performed by Mr. J. Christian Bay. Owing to the exacting demands of necessary work in other directions, the Library has so far undertaken but little work of this character.